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Tonopah Man Receives 25-Year Prison Term for Making Meth

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Jan. 12, 2007) Attorney General Terry Goddard announced that Troy Salmon, 43, of Tonopah, was sentenced in Maricopa County Superior Court today to 25 years in prison for manufacturing dangerous drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Salmon was arrested in March 2006 after police served a search warrant at 5735 N. 411th Avenue in Tonopah. The property was a large parcel and had a number of sheds, vehicles and trailers on it. During the search, detectives discovered a meth lab in a locked shed and learned that Salmon was one of three people who held a key to the lock. In Salmon's living area, detectives also found a receipt for the chemical Naphtha, PH strips, lye, muriatic acid and alcohol -- all commonly used to make meth.

Salmon was convicted by a Maricopa County Superior Court jury in September 2006. He was sentenced today by Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Raymond Lee. The investigation was conducted by the Maricopa County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Clandestine Laboratory Task Force. Assistant Attorney General Jeffrey Reuter prosecuted this case.

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